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1. It was an unforgivable fault of the US Government to have let this mess fester in Cuba. Also during October crisis of 1962 President Kennedy should have insisted on the initial demand for an on spot inspection of Cuba. Khrushchev would have surely backed down. In general, American policy is inconsistent and clumsy.

2. Poles as well as other satellites resented very deeply the aid given to Castro at their expense. "Recently" Polish government report said: aid to Cuba. In July 1962 there was a meeting or conference in Warsaw all satellite countries at which under Russian supervision it was decided to further increase Cuban aid. It was demanded that some countries, and among them Poland, will have to lower their living standard in order to comply with new commitments for Cuba.

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